

HOUSE RESOLUTION 56
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Erin Murdoch for her exemplary community service and her commitment to improving the lives of those with diabetes.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, selflessly serve others and who have distinguished themselves as estimable public servants dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Erin Murdoch is one such individual who has worked tirelessly as a fundraiser for and educator about diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it exceedingly alarming that 18.2 million Americans are plagued by diabetes, a disease that affects males and females of all age groups, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, as the fifth-deadliest disease in the United States, the General Assembly recognizes the need for networks of community support and programs designed to promote the education and well-being of citizens affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Rutherford County, Riverdale High School Sophomore Erin Murdoch has taken an active role in the betterment of the lives of her friends, neighbors, and indeed all Tennesseans; she has been especially diligent in her efforts to improve the lives of those with the chronic and potentially debilitating disease known as diabetes; and

WHEREAS, since Erin Murdoch was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes in 2002, her enthusiasm, motivation, and dedication to improving the lives of others has fueled her work to educate the public about diabetes; she most recently served as the youth spokesperson for the

Nashville 2004 Walk to Cure Diabetes, which raised more than \$600,000 which will be used in the search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Miss Murdoch has also spoken to two Exchange Clubs in Murfreesboro and the Lions' Club in Murfreesboro, Nashville, Eagleville, and McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, she also raised more than \$8,000 with her family's walk team, Erin's Entourage, and gaining three corporate sponsors for the Rutherford County Walk; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these wonderful achievements Erin Murdoch will be one of 150 delegates selected to represent the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at the Children's Congress in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, selected for her dedication, passion, and desire for a cure for juvenile diabetes, Erin will meet personally with Congressman Bart Gordon, Senator Bill Frist, and Senator Lamar Alexander during her visit to our Nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, though Erin Murdoch has garnered much positive attention and many accolades for her work for diabetes research and awareness, she continues to be a model student, academically and musically, and greatly enjoys reading and writing; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young woman, despite being faced with a life-changing disease, maintains a spirit and outlook that inspire her family, her friends, and all who benefit from her fun-loving and generous nature; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a person of Erin Murdoch's virtue and stature walk among us, and it is fitting that she should be specially recognized for her life of service and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Erin Murdoch, a young woman of profound determination, rare diligence, and passionate commitment, our heartfelt thanks for her service to the people of Tennessee, commend her for her exemplary participation in efforts to cure juvenile diabetes, congratulate her selection to the Children's Congress, and offer our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

